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SUBJECT: CODELS WOLFF AND RANGEL

REFS: (A) STATE 121669; (B) BANGKOK 14554;
(C) STATE 139363; (D) HONG KONG 6222

1. THIS CABLE SUMMARIZES THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT AS OF JUNE 2 CONCERNING THE TRAVEL PLANS OF CODELS WOLFF AND RANGEL. AS WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL A, THE CODEL WILL SPLIT WITH CODEL WOLFF TRAVELLING TO THE PRC AND CODEL RANGEL TRAVELLING TO BANGKOK AND HONG KONG. THE TWO CODELS WILL REUNITE IN HONG KONG.

2. FOR BANGKOK: BILL LAWRENCE, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS ABUSE AND CONTROL, HAS PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE SUGGESTED BANGKOK PROGRAM CONTAINED IN REFTEL B.

JULY 6: THE SUGGESTED SCHEDULE IS AGREEABLE. CODEL HOPES THAT 2000 HRS. DINNER WOULD INCLUDE SENIOR RTG OFFICIALS AND APPROPRIATE CABINET MEMBERS.

JULY 7: AM. CODEL WOULD PREFER DEA BRIEFING AND REQUESTS MEETING ROOM TO HOLD 15 PEOPLE AT DUSIT THANI HOTEL. AS

PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED CODEL HOPES THAT SENIOR RTG OFFICIALS AND CABINET MEMBERS COULD BE PRESENT AT DINNER PREVIOUS EVENING TO PRECLUDE A SEPARATE CALL. AFTERNOON/EVENING SCHEDULE IS AGREEABLE.

JULY 8: ONLY EIGHT PEOPLE ARE PLANNING TO VISIT CHIANG MAI. NAMES TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL. THE COMMITTEE PREFERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAO AIRCRAFT TO USING A COMMERCIAL CARRIER. NO ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR REMAINDER OF GROUP STAYING BEHIND IN BANGKOK. REQUEST COORDINATION WITH THAI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR HELICOPTERS TO OPIUM GROWING AREAS UP-COUNTRY NEAR CHIANG MAI. RETURN BANGKOK SAME DAY.

JULY 9: CANCEL UDORN. CODEL WILL HOLD DELEGATION CONFERENCE. NO APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED.

JULY 10: SCHEDULE AGREEABLE.

3. FOR BANGKOK: AS PER REFTEL C, TWO STAFFERS OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS ARE PLANNING TO ACCOMPANY CODEL RANGEL. THE STAFFERS HAVE PROVIDED A SLIGHTLY EXPANDED (FROM REFTEL C) PROPOSED SCHEDULE COVERING THEIR INTERESTS IN REFUGEES AND MIA'S. BOTH NELSON AND HOLSTINE PREFER TO KEEP THEIR OFFICIAL SCHEDULE SEPARATE FROM THAT OF CODEL RANGEL.

JULY 6: ARRIVE BANGKOK WITH CODEL RANGEL. THE HIRC

STAFFERS WOULD PREFER A SEPARATE BRIEFING ON THE REFUGEE AND MIA SITUATION AT 1500. THEY HAVE ALSO INDICATED TO ICA THEIR INTERESTED IN VISITING AN ICA FACILITY IN BANGKOK. ICA SUGGESTS A POSSIBLE VISIT TO AUA IF SCHEDULING PERMITS. PLEASE ADVISE. WE ASSUME STAFFERS WILL WISH TO ATTEND 2000 HRS. DINNER WITH CODEL.

JULY 7: EARLY AM DEPARTURE FOR DAY LONG TOUR OF REFUGEE CAMPS. RETURN TO BANGKOK. DEPART FROM BANGKOK BY NIGHT TRAIN TO UDORN.

JULY 8: ARRIVE UDORN AND TOUR CAMPS. RETURN BY NIGHT TRAIN TO BANGKOK (CHANGE FROM REFTEL C).

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JULY 9: ARRIVE BANGKOK AND CHECK IN AT HOTEL. REMAINDER OF DAY OPEN.

JULY 11: REJOIN CODEL RANGEL AND DEPART FOR HONG KONG.

4. FOR HONG KONG: FOLLOWING IS LAWRENCE'S COMMENTS ON HONG KONG SCHEDULE FOR CODEL RANGEL:

JULY 11: 1400 AR HONG KONG FROM BANGKOK - OPEN SCHEDULE.

JULY 12: 1000 - DEA BRIEFING CONCERNING NEW DRUG TRAFFICKING TRENDS IN HONG KONG; 1300 - BRIEFING BY ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.

JULY 13: AM - LEAVE BY HYDROFOIL FOR MACAU (NO MORE THAN 15 PERSONS, HOWEVER, EXACT NUMBER AND NAMES TO FOLLOW LATER). ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CONFERENCE WITH LOCAL ENFORCEMENT CONCERNING INTERDICTION AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

JULY 14: 1100 - CONFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL OF ROYAL HONG KONG CUSTOMS.

JULY 15: NOON - LV HONG KONG FOR U.S.

5. FOR HONG KONG: CODEL WOLFF:

JULY 11: NELSON AND HOLSTINE ARRIVE WITH CODEL RANGEL FROM BANGKOK. NELSON HAS CONTACTED ICA REGARDING APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESS AND ACADEMICS IN HONG KONG WITH INTEREST IN THE PRC. ICA HAS FORWARDED A FULLER ACCOUNT BY SEPTTEL.

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JULY 12: POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESS AND ACADEMICS.

JULY 13: 1330 - MEETING CODEL WOLFF PARTY ARRIVING FROM PRC. AFTERNOON - OPEN SCHEDULE.

JULY 14: 0930 - 1130 - BRIEFING AT CONSULATE. ED PALMER OF THE WOLFF SUBCOMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF CODEL ACCEPTS CONGEN'S INVITATION FOR RECEPTION FROM 1830-2000. (DEPARTMENT DOES NOT AT PRESENT KNOW IF CODEL RANGEL PLANS TO ATTEND BRIEFING OR RECEPTION. WE WILL ADVISE.)

JULY 15: 0800 - PALMER ON BEHALF OF CODEL ACCEPTS BREAKFAST INVITATION FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT HOTEL IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED FOR SATURDAY VICE FRIDAY. PALMER EXPECTS APPROXIMATELY 44 PEOPLE, TO INCLUDE CONGEN OFFICIALS. PALMER REQUESTS THAT ABOVE INFORMATION BE PASSED TO MIKE EMMONS, HK AMCHAM PRESIDENT.

0930 - 1100 - CODEL WOLFF PRESS CONFERENCE AT HOTEL. ICA IS COVERING THIS IN A SEPTTEL.

1100 - ALL MEMBERS AND STAFF DEPART FOR AIRPORT.

1200 - WHEELS UP.

6. FOR BANGKOK AND HONG KONG: WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY CODEL TO PROVIDE DAILY RATE OF DOUBLE AND SINGLE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS BOTH STOPS. IN HONG KONG, CODEL SUGGESTED THE HOTEL MANDARIN, BUT IS PREPARED TO FOLLOW CONGEN'S GUIDANCE. NEITHER POST IS BEING ASKED TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THIS TIME. CODEL HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT CONTROL ROOMS BE SET UP (DOUBLE CONNECTING ROOMS WITH SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE AND XEROX MACHINES WILL BE NEEDED) BOTH STOPS. ABOVE IS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLANNING PURPOSES. PLEASE ADVISE RE HOTEL RATES.

7. EA STAFF IS PLANNING TO MEET WITH CODEL STAFFS TOWARD THE END OF THIS WEEK SO POST COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE NEEDED ASAP. VANCE

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